

# Kelleria laxa

## SYNONYMS

*Drapetes dieffenbachii* var. *laxa* Cheeseman, *Drapetes laxus* (Cheeseman) Allan

## FAMILY

Thymelaeaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Kelleria laxa* (Cheeseman) Heads

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

KELLAX

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 18

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. New Zealand, North and South Islands

## FLOWER COLOURS

White

## ETYMOLOGY

**laxa**: Slack, loose

## Taxonomic Notes

*Kelleria laxa* had been treated as indigenous by Heads (1990) because he regarded plants found in Victoria, Australia as conspecific. Marks & Walsh (2014) revisited the status of the Australian *K. laxa* plants and showed that they comprised another species endemic to Victoria which they named *K. bogongensis* Marks.

## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Heads, M.J. 1990: A revision of the genera *Kelleria* and *Drapetes* (Thymelaeaceae). *Australian Systematic Botany* 3: 595-652.

Marks, C.; Walsh, N. 2014: Taxonomic reassessment of *Kelleria* (Thymelaeaceae) in Australia and recognition of a new endemic Victorian species. *Muelleria* 33: 3-11

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/kelleria-laxa/>



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